

# Architectural Inventory Form

## Official Eligibility Determination (for OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- Determined Eligible - National Register
- Determined Not Eligible - National Register
- Determined Eligible - State Register
- Determined Not Eligible - State Register
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible National Register District
- Noncontributing to eligible NR District

### I. Identification

1. Resource number: 5HN68.150
2. Temporary resource number: 132
3. County: Hinsdale
4. City: Lake City
5. Historic building name: Worrell-Nelson Cabin
6. Current building name:
7. Building address: 121A Gunnison Avenue, Lake City, CO 81235
8. Owner name and address: Joan and William Nelson, 255 Jasmine Street, San Diego CA 92116

### II. Geographic Information

- County Property No.: R1148
9. P.M. 6th Township 44N Range 4W NW4 of NE4 of NW4 of NW4 of Section 0
  10. UTM reference  
Zone 13 296680 mE 4211120 mN
  11. USGS quad name: Lake City Quad year: 1985 Map scale: X 7.5' \_\_\_ 15'
  12. Block(s): 71 Lot(s): 7 Legal:  
Addition: Year of Addition:
  13. Boundary description and justification: Perimeter of parcel

### III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan: Rectangular
15. Dimensions: 1364 square feet
16. Number of stories: 1
17. External wall material(s): Wood horizontal siding
18. Roof configuration: Front gabled
19. Roof material: Metal
20. Special features: Porch, chimney
21. General architectural description:  
Long, one-story, front-gabled frame dwelling; purlins extending from east gable end are partially covered by fascia. Metal roof, walls clad in horizontal wood siding. Shed-roofed porch on east elevation supported by logs, has concrete deck and half wall of horizontal board. Brick fireplace chimney on north elevation. 6/6 lite casement windows with functional wooden shutters. Large 15-lite window in façade. Two gabled sections on rear added circa 1950 and 1982; covered in same siding; metalframe slider windows. Rear entrance has door of vertical boards, storm door, flanked by large, fixed sash windows. No visible foundation.
22. Architectural style/Building type: No style
23. Landscaping or special setting:

24. Associated building, features or objects:  
Shed, circa 1920  
One-story, frame building. Flat roof sloping slightly toward alley, covered in rolled asphalt. Sided in board and batten. South elevation has door of vertical boards and metal strips.

#### IV. Architectural History

25. Date of construction Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual: 1948 Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 5, 1948, page 11.
26. Architect: None Source of info:
27. Builder/contractor: Dr. T.J. Worrell Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 5, 1948, page 11.
28. Original owner: Henry Carman and John Griffiths Source of info: Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 5, 1948, page 11.
29. Construction history (major additions, alterations, demolitions):  
Addition built on rear in 1975; shallow addition built on rear in 1979. Source: Tax Assessor records.
30. Original location:  Moved  Date of move(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. Historical Associations

31. Original use(s): Seasonal dwelling
32. Intermediate use(s):
33. Current use(s): Seasonal dwelling
34. Site type(s):
35. Historical background:

Dr. T.J. Worrell, from Pampa, Texas, contracted with Lake City residents Henry Carman and John Griffiths to construct this gable-facing log summer home in July and August, 1948. Dr. Worrell was a Pampa veterinarian who was introduced to Lake City c. 1940 by R.L. Edmondson. Worrell's wife, Gussie, is recalled as an extremely hard working woman who personally drove to Gunnison for some of the cabin's building supplies. According to R.L. Edmondson's son, a load of shingles fell off the truck on the hill at Little Gray Home near Powderhorn. Mrs. Worrell calmly parked the pickup, got out and reloaded all the shingles, and then continued on her way to Lake City.

The lot on which the Worrell Cabin is located was previously owned by Hinsdale County and was purchased by Worrell in July, 1947, for \$25 compensation.

A prior structure on the site of the Worrell-Nelson Cabin was a two-story frame residence built by Lake City saloonkeeper Frank E. Melvine in 1881. It was described as a "handsome cottage... the whole will form an ornament to that part of the city." The Melvine house, together with a vacant building to the immediate north, burned to the ground in June, 1909.

36. Sources of information:  
Lake City TRIBUNE, Thurs., July 17, 1947, page 1; Gunnison NEWS-CHAMPION, Thurs., August 5, 1948, page 11; conversation with R.L. Edmondson, July, 2002; Lake City SILVER WORLD, June 4, 1881, page 3; Lake City TIMES., June 10, 1909, page 2.

## VI. Significance

37. Local landmark: Yes  No  Date of design.: \_\_\_\_\_ Design. authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Within Lake City Historic District (local historic district)

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: Recreation and tourism

40. Period of significance: 1948 - 1952

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance:

This residence is associated with the growth of recreation and tourism in Lake City from 1915 through the 1960s following the local decline of hard rock mining.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity to significance:

The architectural integrity of this dwelling is intact, as evidenced by minimal alterations to its character-defining features.

## VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:  Eligible  Not Eligible  Need Data

45. Is there National Register district potential?  Yes  No

Discuss \_\_\_\_\_

If there is National Register district potential, is this building  Contributing  Noncontributing

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district is it?  Contributing  Noncontributing  
(Lake City National Historic District)

## VIII. Recording Information

47. Photograph numbers: Roll 13, frames 35, 36; Roll 14, frames 1A, 2A Negatives filed at: Lake City Town Hall

48. Report title: 2003 Architectural Survey of Lake City, Colorado

49. Date(s): September 2002 - June 2003

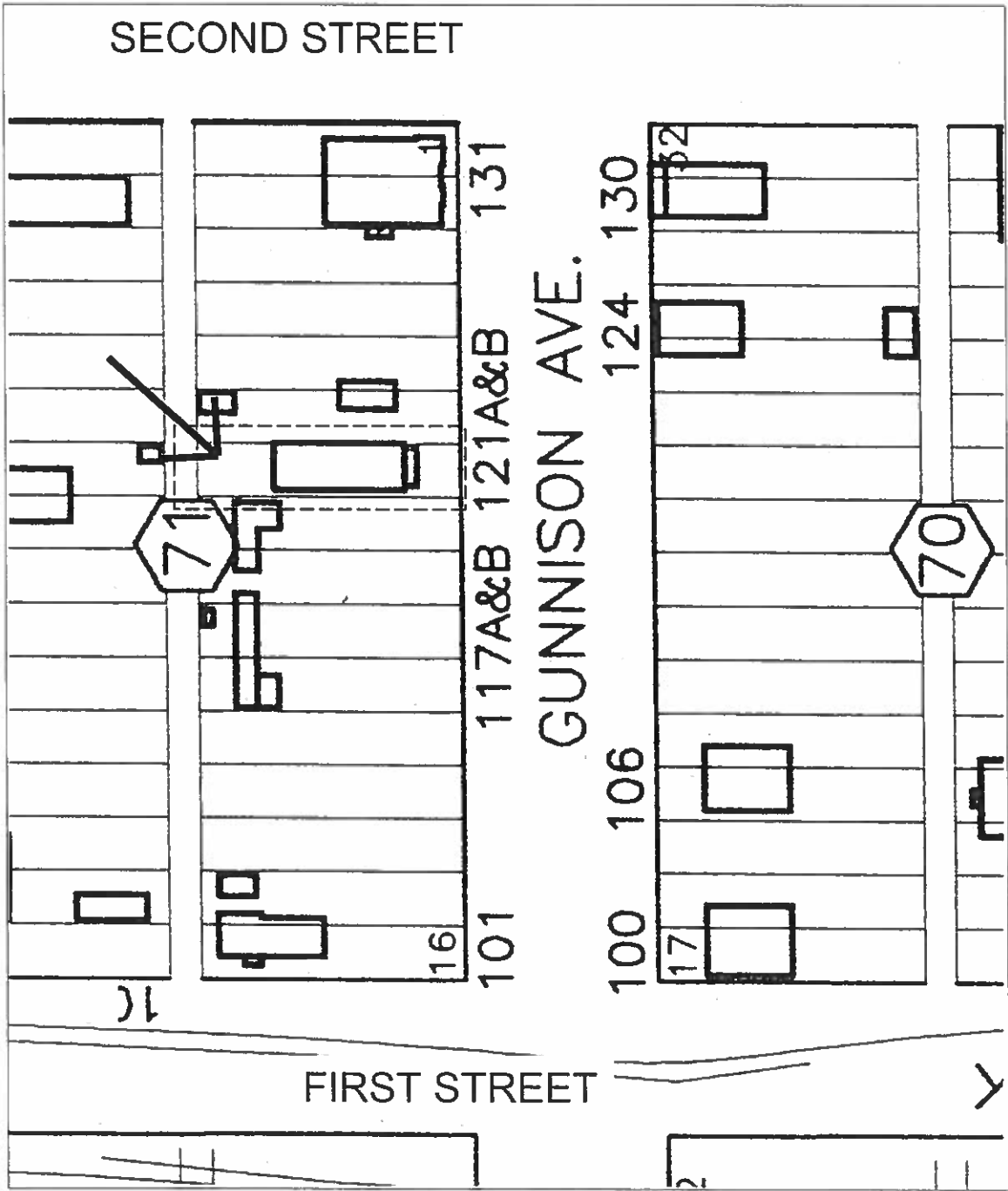
50. Recorders: Cathleen M. Norman and Grant E. Houston

51. Organization: Town of Lake City

52. Address: 230 Bluff Street, Lake City CO 81235

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